FAVI raises awareness for the visually Fitch puts US debt rating impaired on White Cane Safety Day



CARNIVAL VILLAGE

ORANJESTAD -- October 15 is White Cane Safety Day in the U.S., when groups dedicated to the care of the visually impaired, remind the community to be considerate of those who must use a walking cane to assist their mobility. The day is also aimed at heightening awareness of the many ways in which the visually impaired can be functioning, productive members of the community.

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on watch for downgrade WASHINGTON (AFP) -

Rating agency Fitch yesterday put the United States on warning for a downgrade after Congress failed to reach a deal on raising the country's debt ceiling.

Fitch placed the United States's top-grade AAA rating on a "negative watch", citing the possibility the Treasury could default on its obligations after October 17 if the ceiling is not raised.

"The US authorities have not raised the federal debt ceiling in a timely manner," Fitch said.

"Although Fitch continues to believe that the debt ceiling will be raised soon, the political brinkmanship and reduced financing flexibility could increase the risk of a US default."

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AFP photo shows, from I - r.: Rep. Chris Van Hollen (D-MD), Senate Republican Whip Senator Jon Kyl (R-AZ), Rep. Steve Israel (D-NY), House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi (D-CA), Rep. Joseph Crowley (D-NY), Rep. James E. Clyburn (D-SC) and Rep. Xavier Becerra (D-CA) speak ingwith press during a Medal of Honor ceremony in the East Room of the White House October 15, 2013 in Washington, DC. Bipartisan Senate negotiations over the shutdown and debt limit have been upended by Republicans in the House, who are offering their own proposal in the face of stiff resistance from Democrats and the White House. The House would take up an eleventhhour proposal late yesterday to extend government funding through mid-December and raise the debt ceiling to early February. The new GOP offer would also strip lawmakers, their staff and members of the Obama administration of subsidies to buy insurance through the Affordable Care Act's exchanges.



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special Christmas campaign



This past week RBC Royal Bank (Aruba) launched their end of the year campaign with the theme ... "Get more, do more this Christmas with RBC!"

The campaign presents reduced interest on auto loans, personal loans, mortgages and home equity loans. The campaign is especially to help financially those who have plans to enjoy themselves with family members and friends at the end of the

During the press confer-Branch Manager, Julissa Croes-Helder indicated that auto loans will have an interest of only 9% APR (Annual Percentage Rate) and payments can be made two months later. For personal loans, the interest will vary between 10.5% and 16.5% APR, and for Mortgages and Home Equity Loans, the interest will be 6.95% APR.

Every applicant for one of

these loans will have an opportunity to win one of the monthly prizes of Afls. 1500, as well as be eligible for the grand final of the year... Afls.2500!

According to Julissa Croes-Helder, there will also be special offers on credit cards Every client who applies for a card and shows that they are members of Price Smart will get the first year of the subscription fee at the value of \$40, completely free. They will also receive a wonderful travel bag from

RBC will be present at the Expo Cas with a booth offering their special campaign products. They also plan various shopping nights to facilitate customers who cannot visit during the day or during working hours. Those interested in the RBC campaign are invited to visit one of their branches or call RBC Service Line at 588-0101 for more information.

RBC Royal Bank launches Last year's winner, Tia Rosa, will be back to defend her title Battle of the Food Trucks Returns!

On October 25 and 26, the island's top food trucks will once again be serving up their favorite dishes and duking it out for the title of Best Food Truck on the Island, during the 2nd annual Battle of the Food Trucks, on the parking lot in front of Trop Club & Casino.

This year, Trop Club & Casino has teamed up with Presidente Beer and Coca Cola to bring back the two-night mega event, which attracted huge crowds last year.

Last year's winner, Tia Rosa, will be defending her title of Food Truck Champ against competitors including Piet Super Snack Truck, the Hollywood Smokehouse, Gio JJ Burger, Ricuras, Chalo Burger, Il Buongusto, Candela Grill, Cocolishi Street Food, and many more. Aside from the prestigious title, over 5,000 Aruban florins in prize money will be up for grabs. A panel of three local and international celebrities will be in charge of picking the ultimate winners.

To get everyone hyped up, some of the island's best musical bands will also be performing. Bands including Youth Extreme, Rincon Boyz, Ezequiel Anthony and Esquema, Le Groove, Upgrade Music, Some Lab, Claudius Philips and his band OREO, and Honey Pot will have everyone swaying their hips and dancing along, as they sample the offerings from the competing food trucks.

In between supporting your favorite food truck, don't forget to check out the domino tournament and the Harley Davidson show. An entire area of the event will be dedicated to entertaining the little ones, with a bouncy castle, popcorn, cotton candy, ice cream, shaved ice and much more. Kids are encouraged to come



dressed up in costumes on the 26th, so that they can go Trick or Treating at the event, and win prizes for the Halloween best costumes. There will also be prizes for the adults with the best Halloween costumes.

The Battle of the Food Trucks will take place on Friday, October 25, from 6 pm to 11 pm, and on Saturday, October 26, from 6 pm to 1am. All

funds raised will go to the "Koningin Wilhelmina Cancer Fond," which has been raising awareness and helping cancer patients and their families for over 50 years.

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Fitch puts US debt rating...

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The Fitch move came after a day of politicking in Congress revealed Republicans and Democrats remained far apart over a deal to fund the government and increase the \$16.7 trillion debt ceiling.

US Treasury Secretary Jacob Lew has repeatedly warned that as of October 17 the government will not have any more room to borrow under the ceiling to cover the federal deficit, and that the Treasury's cash level will be a small \$30 billion.

rises that the Treasury will default on its obligations, including possibly its debt.

Fitch said that if the US was forced into default, it would reduce the US sovereign credit grade to "restricted default" based on the belief that Washington would quickly move to make good on the debt. But it would cut the rating on the specific debt affected by missed payments to B+ from AAA, the highest rating it could give defaulted securities, in expectation that the default would be "cured"

After that, the risk steadily would be "cured" Karly Bird Menu 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm Appetizers: Stuffed Avocado, Escargots Bourguignon, Fruits of the Seven Seas, Choices of Soups Entrees: Breaded Grouper topped with coconut shrimps served with rice and vegetables Land & Sea Chicken Breast. Steak & Shrimps with rice and vegetables Breaded Chicken Breast served with mushroom sauce, topped with cheese served with vegetables and stuffed potato Twin Tenderloin or Chicken Parmesan served on a bed of linguini pasta Dessert, Coffee or Tea Includes one FREE Presidente Beer per person

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Agreement signed between FDA, AWM Infrastructure and government for construction of Carnival Village in San Nicolas

A couple of months prior, Aruba's Prime Minister Eman and Minister of Finance, Communications, Utilities and Energy, Mike de Meza, announced that a large section of the land occuped by the refinery in San Nicolas would be reclaimed for the use of the Aruban people.

The wall separating the land from the town has already been broken down and on this 22,000 square meters of land a Carnival Village complex will be constructed. The complex will run from Pastoor Hendrikstraat to Bernhardstraat, including the adjacent three-story building and the ware-house.

On Monday afternoon, October 14, Prime Minister Eman and Minister de Meza signed an agreement with the Fondo Desaroyo Aruba, or FDA Foundation, to provide the 4.5 million Aruban florins to fund the project. Signing on behalf of the FDA was Committee Chairman Glenn Thodé. Also present to accept the contract for construction of the Carnival Village was the Director of N.V. Arubaanse Wegenbouw Mil. or AWM Infrastructure, Michel Daems.

The complex will consist of a museum, restaurant, souvenir shop, workshop and office space. The museum will include a display of Aruba's best Carnival road pieces, a video section where guided tours will be given to view past Carnival events (Calypso Contest, Tumba, Lighting Parade and Aruba's Grand Parade). The audio section will showcase all



Michel Daems of AWM and Minister de Mesa sign the agreement



PM Eman signs while Glenn Thode and Minister de Meza look on

tumba, calypso and roadmarch tracks going back to the beginning of Camival.

PM Eman and Minister de Meza pointed out that Carnival Village will be a facility to be used year round, not only for Carnival. There will be sports fields, a skateboard park and other facilities that will make it ideal for concerts and community events.

Projected completion date is to be in time for the Caiso and Soca contests of the upcoming landmark 60th anniversary edition of Aruba's Carnival The final night of the competition is February 1.



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Alexandra enjoys a bike ride for the first time

Clients enjoy a walk on the linear park jogging paths

Each year on this day, the Foun-Coronel of ATV was a willing dation Arubano de esnan Vivolunteer, gaining first hand sualmente Incapacita, or FAVI, knowledge of what FAVI's the Foundation for the Visually clients live with every day. Impaired, conducts a demon-FAVI Director Cetty Baarh-Bistration in an important traffic izhout and Revalidation Theracenter to raise awareness and pist Sary Wernet guided him as consideration among islanders he cautiously made his way for their visually impaired popabout with a cane.

The National Federation of the Blind in convention assembled on the 6th day of July, 1963, called upon the governors of the fifty states to proclaim October 15 of each year as White Cane Safety Day in each of our fifty states. On October 6, 1964, a joint resolution of the Congress, HR 753, was signed into law authorizing the President of the United States

to proclaim October 15 of each year as "White Cane Safety Day." This resolution said: "Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives", that the President is hereby authorized to issue annually a proclamation designating October 15 as White Cane Safety Day and calling upon the people of the Umted States to observe such a day with appro priate ceremonies and activities. "

It was then President Lyndon Johnson who signed into law this day of acknowledgement for the growing spirit of independence and the increased determination to be self-reliant that the organized blind had shown. The Presidential proclamation said:

The white cane in our society has become one of the symbols of a blind person's ability to come and go on his own. Its use has promoted courtesy and spe-

cial consideration to the blind on our streets and highways. To make our people more fully aware of the meaning of the white cane and of the need for motorists to exercise special care for the blind persons who carry it Congress, by a joint resolution approved as of October 6, 1964, has authorized the President to proclaim October 15 of



Aruba, to bring this important message to all those who do not fully understand the need and desire of the visually impaired to receive consideration for their condition, but to also be allowed to live their lives as productively as possible, without being discriminated against because of their disabilities.

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During all of last week, Aruba Bank celebrated Customer Service Week at its branches. During the week, the decorated branches and the entire staff of Aruba Bank demonstrated extra appreciation towards business visitors. Also, every day there was a special treat in each of the branches. Customers of Aruba Bank were very happy about this special week, during which Aruba Bank gave them some special extra attention

At the same time, the customers had the chance to answer a few questions and be entered in a raffle. Aruba Bank raffled off some attractive prizes among customers who had answered the questions correctly. The happy winners were: Solange Davelaar, who won a weekend stay, Ana Maria Pas, who won a Day Pass at a hotel for two people, Yahaira Daal, who won a dinner for two people, Susana Martinez, who won a brunch for three peo-

ple, and Evelijn Maduro, who won a spa treatment.





Aruba Bank, and would like to assure them that Aruba Bank will continue to work hard to provide excellent service.

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excellent venue. It allowed one

of FAVI's clients, Danny to stop

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walk in front of the Plaza Tur-

ismo, as well as allowing other

clients to enjoy the jogging and

Danny demonstrates for driver awareness for the visually impaired

Another visually impaired client, Alexandra, enjoyed her first bike ride on a tandem bicycle. During this year's demonstration, island media were invited to experience the lives of those who are visually impaired.

Container Wharf with impressive 4% growth!

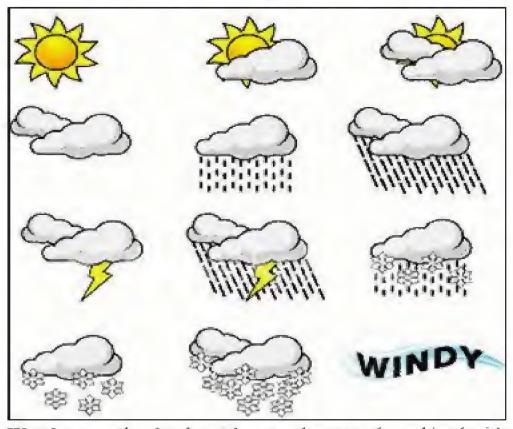


ORANJESTAD -- Mike de L'Isle, ASTEC Director, has recently reported to Mike Eman and his team, that the Aruba Container Wharf has seen an increase of 4% in her transit container activities on Aruba. De L'Ilsle was very pleased to be able to talk to Mike Eman, who has been charged with the responsibility for forming the new government. They discussed the strategic project of the move of the Container Wharf to Barcadera.

De L'Isle indicated that they are very proud and enthusiastic about being part of the Wharf project. He was pleased too with the opportunity to explore how they can help with the developments in the region of Barcadera. He is convinced that this region will become a section integrated and concentrated on industrial activities. de L'Isle placed emphasis on the fact that ASTEC wants to participate in every aspect that will bring opportunities and growth in the Barcadera re-

According to Mike de L'Isle, in addition to his company achieving a stable situation, they have also grown by 4% during the past year. This growth has been primarily in container transit. This is obviously very important and good news for the formation of the new government.

Weather prognostic valid till Wednesday afternoon



Weather: partly cloudy with chance of a local shower. Maximum temperature 33 centigrade y minimum temperature 28 centigrade.

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Wind:moderate winds direction east-southeast average 7 kts gusting up to 17 kts.

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southwest and combined with a southward digging upperlevel trough situated north of Hispaniola is increasing chances of rain. Tradewinds will remain moderate.

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Tropical Weather Outlook: nothing of significance.



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Travelworld Belgium and KLM Travel Agents inspect Aruba

ORANJESTAD -- Recently, the Aruba Tourism Authority hosted a familiarization trip for the Travelworld Belgium/KLM travel agents. The group was very impressed with the product Aruba for everything the Island has to offer to its visitors. They visited several of our luxurious Resorts for site inspections, took an Island tour, courtesy of El Tours, and a very nice sailing and snorkeling trip with the Jolly Pirates.

All the Resorts were very enthusiastic about this group of agents for they represent a very good market in Europe of potential Aruba visitors, reason enough to present the best of what they have to offer to the European tourist.

The travel agents were accompanied by Mr. Emest Giel from the Aruba Tourism Authority, who prepared a very nice program of site inspections and entertainment for them.

A very warm thank you goes to all the Resorts that participated in this faintrip, to El tours for transortation of the VIPs and the Jolly Pirates for the wonderful snorkeling trip.







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International News

Venezuela nabs second ship in a week in territorial dispute

CARACAS (AFP) Venezuela on Tuesday seized a
second ship in as many weeks
accused of violating its exclusive economic zone -- this time
a fishing boat from Trinidad,
authorities said.

"Sovereignty will be respected Trinidad-flagged boat seized in Venezuela's EEZ for unauthorized fishing," general Vladimiro Padrino, head of the Strategic Operational Command, said in a message on Twitter.

Padrino did not immediately say if crew from Trinidad and Tobago were detained.

The enforcement move near Sucre state came just five days after Venezuela seized a Malaysian oil exploration ship Teknik Perdana.

Neighboring Guyana hired US-based Anadarko to search for offshore oil, in a highly sensitive and potentially explosive move.

That is because Caracas claims about two thirds of Guyana's national territory -- and related offshore rights. The

Essequibo river basin dispute is the biggest remaining territorial dispute in South America.

Late Venezuelan president Hugo Chavez frequently spoke of the oil- and mineral-rich terntory as vital to Venezuela as a nation. But his military was not involved in frequent enforcement operations of this kind, as it now is under President Nicolas Maduro.

The Malaysian-owned vessel was boarded on Thursday by the Venezuelan navy and sailed to Marganta Island, the company said.

Venezuela has claimed the disputed territory since 1897. And students in Venezuela are shown national maps with the territory included with stripes through it -- a pending issue of huge national and economic importance.

In late August, Maduro and his Guyanese counterpart, Donald Ramotar, said that they were moving to resolve the dispute and would continue to seek help from United Nations mediators to solve it.

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93 dead as quake hits Philippine tourist islands



CEBU (AFP) - New born babies are treated at a temporary shelter after the hospital was damaged following a 7.1-magnitude quake in Cebu on Wednesday. A powerful earthquake killed at least 73 people yesterday as it tore down modern buildings, destroyed historic churches and triggered terrified stampedes across popular tourist islands in the Philippines.

Dutch police arrest 'cocaine smuggling' Schiphol workers

THE HAGUE (AFP) - Dutch police have arrested several airport workers at Amsterdam's Schiphol who allegedly picked up cocaine packages stashed aboard planes arriving from Latin America, a gendame spokesman said on Tuesday.

A total of 15 people have been arrested since July, seven of them employed by the same company at Schiphol, spokesman Robert van Kapel told AFP, declining to name the company.

"Further arrests are not excluded," he added.

The men, aged 23 to 65, are Dutch, Turkish and

Colombian citizens, he said.

They were arrested in raids on homes in and around Amsterdam.

Van Kapel said "tens-ofkilos" of cocaine had been hidden on flights from Central and South America, but he declined to say where on the planes the drugs were stashed.

"The flights were never put in danger as a result," he added, saying the investigation was ongoing.

The 15 men are to face charges of drug smuggling and some also face illegal weapons charges, Van Kapel said.

Last year Dutch authorities arrested 12 airport workers suspected of helping to smuggle cocaine from the Caribbean.

In March last year, gendarmes at Schiphol confiscated 300 kilos of cocaine from South and Central America with an estimated street value of 12 million euros (\$16 million).

The haul was one of the largest in recent years at the airport.

Schiphol is Europe's fourth-busiest airport with between 120,000 to 140,000 passengers passing through daily.





Health & Living

Brain damage 'very common' after intensive care: study



WASHINGTON (AFP) Many people hospitalized in
intensive care for conditions
like a heart attack face lasting
mental deficits similar to traumatic brain injury, US researchers said urging families
to push for minimal sedation.

The problem is "very common," with a condition known as delirium affecting about three-quarters of those treated in the ICU and subsequent brain damage enduring for at least a year in up to one in three of them, said the study.

Many of these patients are left in a "private nightmare of their own," since the medical community is largely unaware of the phenomenon, said senior author Wes Ely, professor of medicine at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee.

"We work so hard to help them survive, and we think that when they get off life support and they get out of shock that we have done our job and we can send them on their way," he said.

Their struggles were associated with the length of time the patients suffered from delirium, a confused mental state that commonly occurs in seriously ill patients.

Previous research has shown delirium may lead to brain atrophy by causing inflammation and killing neurons, though more study is needed to understand why and how it works.

Researchers also know that delinum is more likely to occur when higher amounts of drugs such as sedatives or painkillers are given to patients.

The study included 821 patients, of whom just six percent were believed to have some kind of cognitive impairment when entering the hospital.

The patients, ranging in age from 18 to 99 with an average age of 61, were rushed to intensive care for either a severe heart attack, respiratory failure or septic shock.

Delirium developed in 74 percent of patients while they were in the hospital and typically lasted about four days.

After a year, one in three patients scored similarly to people with traumatic brain injury on mental tests, while nearly one in four performed like people with Alzheimer's disease, regardless of their age.

The longer the period of delirium they had suffered in the hospital, the worse off they were mentally later on, according to the findings.

Maggie Zellner, director of the Neuropsychoanalysis Foundation in New York, who was not involved with the study, described it as "significant."

"This study demonstrates that a range of conditions which reduce blood flow, oxygen, and other nutrients to the brain can lead to cognitive impairment," she said in an email to AFP.



SAN SALVADOR (AFP) - Residents of the town of San Luis Talpa carry mock coffins during a protest at El Salvador del Mundo square in San Salvador, against the use of agrochemical products in sugarcane fields. So far this year, more than 61 people died of chronic kidney disease in San Luis Talpa. Agrochemical, a contraction of agricultural chemical, is a generic term for the various chemical products used in agriculture. In most cases, agrichemical refers to the broad range of pesticides, may also include synthetic fertilizers, hormones and other chemical growth agents.



Sci-Tech

Secure news tip system offered to media

WASHINGTON (AFP) - A US press freedom group announced Tuesday it would be offering news organizations access to an open-source whistleblower submission system dubbed "SecureDrop."

The Freedom of the Press Foundation said it has taken charge of what was originally known as the DeadDrop project, developed by the late Internet activist Aaron Swartz.

The foundation will also provide on-site installation and technical support to news organizations wishing to run the system.

The new system adds to the Wikileaks-style system for anonymous submission of news tips and documents. The Wall Street Journal has its own system, and the New Yorker has an early version of Dead-Drop

The foundation said no security system can ever be 100 percent impenetrable, but this is "the strongest ever made available to media outlets" and "several major news agencies" have agreed to use it.

The announcement comes days after a media watchdog group issued a report saying the war on news leaks by President Barack Obama's administration is becoming a threat to press freedom and democracy.



Burberry CEO Angela Ahrendts resigns to join Apple

LONDON (AFP) - British luxury fashion group Burberry on Tuesday said its long-serving Chief Executive Officer Angela Ahrendts will step down next year to take up a new position with Apple.

The 53-year-old US national is to be replaced by Burberry's Chief Creative Officer Christopher Bailey, who will retain his existing title alongside becoming the company's CEO, according to a statement issued to the London Stock Exchange.

In a separate statement, US technology giant Apple said Ahrendts "will have oversight of the strategic direction, expansion and operation of both Apple retail and online stores". She will in turn become a member of Apple's executive team.

"I am thrilled that Angela will be joining our team," said Apple chief executive Tim Cook.

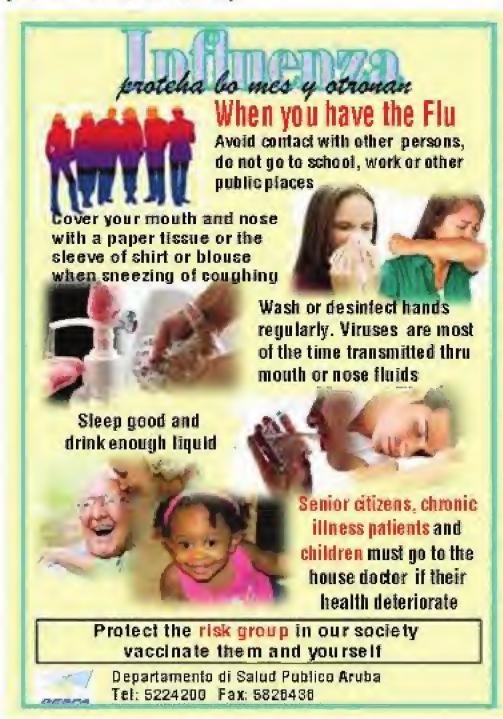
"She shares our values and our focus on innovation, and she places the same strong emphasis as we do on the customer experience. She has shown herself to be an extraordinary leader throughout her career and has a proven track record."

Ahrendts will have been chief executive of Burberry for about eight years by the time of her departure in 2014. The London-listed firm, famous for its trademark red, camel and black check design on clothes and handbags, has undergone huge expansion into emerging markets with Ahrendts at the helm.

"Burberry today announces that Angela Ahrendts will step down as chief executive officer by mid-2014 to take up a new position with Apple," said the company statement.

"Christopher Bailey is to be appointed to the position of chief creative and chief executive officer. This follows nearly a decade during which Angela, Christopher and the senior executive team have transformed Burberry into a world leading digital luxury brand," it added.

Her successor Bailey has been at Burberry since 2001 and chief creative officer for the past six years.





TOKYO (AFP) - A model displays the world's lightest 13.3-inch sized display notebook computer "Lavie Z LZ750/NS", produced by NEC personal computer, weighing 795-grams, in Tokyo yesterday. The lightweight PC will go on sale from October 18.



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FINANCE

US consumers curb spending amid government shutdown

WASHINGTON (AFP) - US consumers, the engine of the world's biggest economy, are holding back spending as the Washington budget dispute keeps the federal government shut down, according to a survey released yesterday.

Two out of five consumers said they were limiting their spending "as a result of the direct or indirect effects" of the partial federal government the first 12 days of this month.

"As congressional leaders optimistically predict a budget deal may soon be reached, it is clear that the fallout of the past two-week impasse in Congress has affected consumers' willingness and maybe their ability to spend," Michael Niemira, the ICSC's chief economist and vice president of research, said in a statement.

"Hopefully, if the end of the

Also held up by the dispute is an increase of the country's \$16.7 trillion borrowing limit. If it is not raised by Thursday, the US Treasury has warned the government will begin to run out of cash and could default on its obligations.

The survey was conducted between October 10 and 13 as the shutdown dragged through a second week.

A demographically representative sample of 1,000 adults was asked online: "Given the federal government shutdown, has this fiscal policy impasse in Congress caused you to scale back or eliminate spending?"

The answers showed the lower-income consumers were affected more than those in the upper-income bracket. But both groups were tightening their grip on their wallets.

Forty-seven percent of consumers with incomes of \$35,000 or less were more likely to be scaling back spending, compared with 32 percent of those earning \$100,000 or more.



A protester holds a placard after a rally at the World War II Memorial on the National Mall in Washington, DC. Activists from several veterans groups gathered to protest the shutdown of the US government and rally for resolutions to the budget crisis which is effecting the US military and its veterans. (AFP PHOTO)

shutdown that began October 1, said the International Council of Shopping Centers and Wall Street bank Goldman Sachs.

Of those who were curbing spending, the majority said the scaleback was "a little" while the remainder indicated it was "considerable".

The weaker spending casts a cloud over retailers as they gear up for the crucial year-end holiday shopping season that accounts for a significant part of their earnings.

ICSC data showed slower spending by customers in retail chains around the country over government shutdown truly is in sight, this is likely to restore consumer confidence quickly and well ahead of the holiday season." he said.

The survey results reflected the uncertainty created by the shutdown and the stalemate between the White House and Republicans over funding for the current fiscal year and raising the nation's debt ceiling.

The failure of Congress to pass a budget for the year that began October I forced the shutdown of nonessential government services, sending hundreds of thousands of civil servants home without pay.



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EU ministers agree big step towards banking union

LUXEMBOURG (AFP) EU finance ministers took a
key step yesterday towards a
'Banking Union,' the new regulatory framework meant to
prevent any repeat of the financial meltdown which
plunged Europe into crisis.

Ministerial approval of the Single Supervisory Mechanism, "the first pillar of Banking Union is a momentous step," EU Financial Markets Commissioner Michel Barnier said. It is "the start of a new era for the supervision of Eurozone banks."

The SSM, 13 months in the making, will come into force in one year's time, in accordance with EU practice.

It was originally supposed to start early next year but the timetable slipped amid sharp differences over its precise role and especially over how it would relate to non-euro EU countries.

Non-euro Britain led the doubters given concerns over London's future as one of the world's most important financial markets.

Britain, in part reflecting London's global role, is home to the European Banking Authority, which is supposed to draft the rules for all banks in the EU while the SSM is to be run by the Frankfurt-based European Central Bank.

To ensure that the 17 eurozone members do not outvote the 11 non-euro members also grouped in the EBA, London got agreement in December that there would have to be a "double majority" in both camps for any action.

This understanding, which offers Britain a virtual veto, was confirmed again in talks this week, clearing the way for the SSM.

"The UK continues to support Banking Union and welcomes today's final agreement," a British statement

As well as helping stabilise the euro, it also crucially "puts in place strong protection for those member states not taking part," it added.

The SSM agreed yesterday is to be complemented by a Single Resolution Mechanism to close failing banks and a deposit guarantee regime to protect savers.

Combined, this will provide a unified regulatory framework intended to prevent taxpayers from paying for disastrously expensive bank bailouts which led to years of austerity and recession in the eurozone

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Brazil crime gang threatens 'World Cup terror'



SAO PAULO (AFP) - A feared organized crime syndicate based in Brazil has threatened to launch terror-style attacks during the World Cup and presidential elections next year, a daily newspaper reported Tuesday.

The so-called First Command of the Capital gang, which is led from inside prisons in Sao Paulo state, vowed to unleash a "World Cup of terror" if its chiefs are transferred and isolated in other jails, the report said.

The O Estado de Sao Paulo daily's story followed its revelation last week of details of an extensive report by prosecutors on the activities of the group, which is better known by its shortened moniker, the PCC.

"The threats extend to 2014, when they are promising a 'World Cup of terror' and attacks during the presidential elections," it warned. The World Cup, the first in Brazil

since 1950, kicks off in Sao Paulo next June.

However, the commander of Sao Paulo state's military police, Colonel Benedito Meira, told AFP that while some criminals have been wire-tapped discussing the World Cup, there was no intelligence report of a "real threat" during a sporting event.

"There is no need to be alarmist. One needs to see when the (wiretapped) comments were made, in what context," he said, adding that police have been conducting various simulation scenarios to be better prepared for all types of security threats during the football extravaganza.

The PCC, as described in the prosecutors' report, is a huge organization with separate divisions to coordinate the drug trade, commit crimes, provide legal defense to its members and manage its finances.

The syndicate, which has

more than 11,000 members, including 6,000 behind bars, also operates in Paraguay and Bolivia, it added.

The prosecutors called for 175 PCC members who are currently free to be incarcerated.

They are also demanding tougher jail conditions for 32 others currently held, including the entire leadership, in Presidente Venceslau in Sao Paulo state.

The paper said the gang relies on a "board of directors" made up of criminals not in detention to run day-to-day operations.

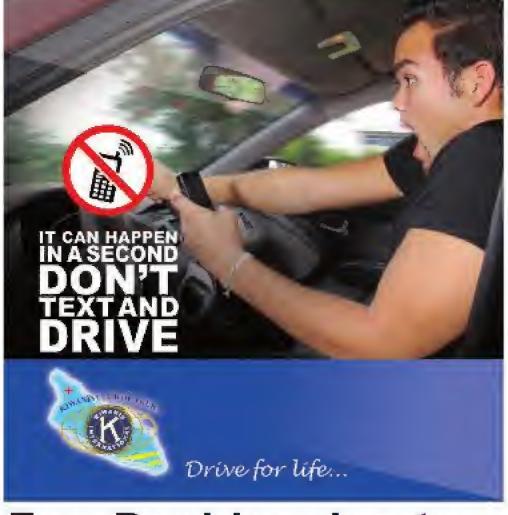
The report grew out of more than three years of investigation and was based on documents, witnesses' testimonies and wiretaps.

The PCC was blamed for a wave of violence that left more than 300 people dead, including some police officers, late last year.

In 2006, the gang also went on a rampage in Sao Paulo, attacking police stations and public buildings.

According to human rights groups, the PCC assault, which triggered a wave of police reprisal attacks in which scores of suspects were gunned down, came in large part in response to a series of organized shakedowns by police.

The PCC was set up in 1993 by jailed drug traffickers in Sao Paulo.



Fey, Poehler sign to host next two Golden Globes



LOS ANGELES (AFP) - Tina Fey and Amy Poehler will return to lead the Golden Globes ceremony in 2014 and 2015 after receiving rave reviews in January when they hosted for the first time.

The US duo -- long-time friends -- replaced Ricky Gervais, who hosted for three years despite his caustic humor aimed at star guests and the Hollywood Foreign Press Association, the show's organizer.

"The two funny ladies are coming back to the Globes!" the HFPA announced on its website.

"It's wonderful news," HFPA

president Theo Kingma said.
"They have always been our first choice as hosts and we're delighted they are back for the next two years."

Although the pair met on network variety show Saturday Night Live, Fey is now best known for her long-running hit sitcom "30 Rock" and Poehler for hers, "Parks and Recreation."

The Globes are often seen as giving a good idea of how the Academy Awards may lean. The 71st ceremony is scheduled for January 12, and nominations are to be announced a month earlier.

'Gravity' stays top of N. America box office

LOS ANGELES (AFP) - Space disaster movie "Gravity" continued its meteoric path at the top of the North American box office on its second weekend, earning nearly \$43.2 million, industry data showed Monday.

The film, starring Sandra Bullock and George Clooney - both Oscar winners -- as astronauts adrift in space after a devastating accident, has already generated rave reviews and Oscars buzz.

It remained well ahead of the second place finisher, new release "Captain Phillips," based on a true story and starring Tom Hanks as a cargo ship captain captured by Somali pirates. It earned \$25.7 million, according to industry tracker Exhibitor Relations.

Dropping to third place in its third week, animated sequel "Cloudy With A Chance of Meatballs 2" took in almost \$13.8 million.

Another new release took fourth slot: action flick "Ma-



chete Kills," starring Danny Trejo as a US government recruit battling through Mexico to stop a plot to launch a weapon into space. It earned more than \$3.8 million in sales.

Not far behind in fifth place was come drama "Runner Runner," starring Justin Timberlake as a Princeton graduate student who travels to Costa Rica to confront a tycoon, played by Ben Affleck, he believes has taken him for a ride on an online poker site. The film earned almost \$3.8 million.

In sixth place was crime thriller "Prisoners." The film, starring Hugh Jackman as a desperate parent in search of his child and Jake Gyllenhaal as the detective in charge of the investigation, pulled in more than \$3.6 million.

Horror sequel "Insidious: Chapter 2" rose one position to seventh place with more than \$2.7 million. The film, starring Rose Byrne and Patrick Wilson as a haunted husband and wife, is a follow-up to the successful 2010 horror flick "Insidious."



Gold Coast Aruba: This is the time to invest

-- Management of Gold Coast Aruba, the island's newest and most innovative gated commumity, reports that sales have been very good and encouraging as the global economy recovers and people looking to purchase vacation homes have found that Gold Coast is an outstanding investment value. Director of Sales, Fito Croes has noticed a surprising percentage of owners in reality do not spend a great amount of time personally to use the villas or town homes they purchase, but are taking advantage of Gold Coast's rental services to turn their investment into ready income.

"The greater portion of home owners are using their "home away from home" in Aruba to escape the winter months, or spend holidays with the family on the island," he remarked, "but I am gratified by how many are buying because they felt secure with real estate investment on Aruba. They really study the history and economy of the island and are impressed with the political stability and continually increasing value of prime locations. Gold Coast is in the heart Malmok. considered Aruba's most exclusive community where the value of properties has only increased over time. It is only minutes to the best beaches and all the action, and yet offers a quiet and secluded getaway; we are very



pleased by the response to our concept."

Fito, with his sister Mayrin and brother Rudy operate Cas Bon, which has been constructing homes and building developments for all budgets for nearly twenty years. "Gold Coast Aruba is the jewel in our crown," observes Fito. "We were very excited about this project and the scope of actual and planned facilities and amenities. We have spoken to countless island visitors to find out what they would really want in a permanent residence on Aruba, and took from

Input from frequent vacationers who have dreamed of their own home in Aruba contributed to the realization of Gold Coast Aruba which when complete will be a community

of 260 town homes, villas and condominiums with a stunning clubhouse complemented by additional community pool areas. The Clubhouse is about to start construction and will offer to the community homeowners and visitors 2 tennis courts, full service spa and fitness center as well as a stunning pool area and is expected to be complete by early 2013. It will also house a restaurant and mini-market.

Owners who purchased upon the groundbreaking only a few short years ago, are already enjoying a nearly 50% appreciation on their investment, particularly those taking advantage of the on site management's rental services program. There is always a great demand for Aruba and facilities such as those at Gold

Coast, make it easy for some owners to see a valuable return on their investment.

The design of the residences and public areas is open, airy and spacious, taking full advantage of the island environment, with quality conand finishing struction available. Partnering with two of Aruba's top providers of kitchens and bathrooms enables developers to offer custom options allowing buyers to individualize their homes. An elegant and chic furniture package is available or island designers will assist owners in finishing the décor to their specific tastes.

There are many aspects to purchasing property; not the least is the future value of the investment. To further enhance

this, Gold Coast management have inaugurated a number of in-house services and have recently become affiliated Interval International, the world's largest network of vacation ownership properties which provides an unlimited international pool of investors to tap for ownership and rental prospects. Property exchange for a vacation in another destination is also available through the Interval International affiliation. Gold Coast's own rental services have also proven highly successful in assisting owners in renting their villas; 24-hour security and maintenance services also tip the scales when it is time to make a decision. Aside from all this, housekeeping, child care, catering services, car rental through its partnership with AVIS car rental are also available as well as pre-shopping services so cupboards and refrigerators are stocked upon arrival, which can also be arranged through their property management department. Personnel are also available to assist in arranging restaurant reservations and island activities.

Visit their website: www. goldcoastaruba.com more details and availability or call 586-2200 to arrange a personal tour.

Eat like a local at The Queen's restaurant at Palm Beach Plaza



Grandma's clasic Stew beef with Rice and Potato salad

An elegant decor with a breezy terrace overlooking Palm Beach welcomes guests to Varella Innocencia's very popular restaurant showcasing authentic local cuisine:

The Queen's.

They may have moved from Oranjestad to hipper new digs in Palm Beach Plaza, but the food and prices are strictly native, which is what first won this charming eatery their loyal clientele. Varella's mom,

Luisa, is still in the kitchen, conjuring up the delicious dishes that have been in her family for generations, acknowledged on the menu with items such as "Carni Stoba di Mamachi"-"Grandma's Beef Stew," and their Arawak Steak, along with local delicacies like Keshi Yena -"Full Cheese." This is a tasty, filling stew of chicken, with other ingredients that are handy that day, all incased in a thick skin

of melted Gouda. It was very satisfying and particularly memorable paired with The Queen's garlic bread and very special Pica, a mix of chopped onions and the famous local hot pepper, Madame Janette. Not overly spicy, it lends that perfect bit of tang to this deliciously picturesque meal.

One of the distinctions of Aruban cuisine is incorporating unique indigenous ingredients such as in Wild Cucumber Stew and a particular light fish chowder accompanied by the local specialties pan bati (com meal pancake) and funchi (the local version of polenta.)

Seafood main courses for Catch of the Day Aruban Style to shrimp and a mixed seafood platter with shrimp, fish, squid, scallops and mussels. Meat dishes such as BBO Chicken and Ribs or Grilled Tenderloin, each including a choice of 2 side dishes; all quite yummy and bargain-



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the second level of Palm Beach Plaza, tucked into a cozy comer at the front of the mall. If you have a mind to try the real deal in Aruban food, without a doubt, this is the way to truly eat like a local.

Dinner from 6.00p.m. to the menu!

11:00pm, Telf: 5860606 The Queen's is located on and email: saus.arubancuisine@live.com, offering indoor and outdoor dining. Aside from an extensive menu they also have daily specials made from whatever is in season and Mama Luisa is in the mood to prepare, so don't for-They are open daily, for get to ask about what isn't on

SPORTS

Athlete Zaithyel Soekander rehabilitating under CEMEDAR



-- Aruban BMX athlete
Zaitheyl Soekander has begun
the process of rehabilitation
under the expert guidance of
CEMEDAR Sports Medicine.
During the 2013 South Amer-

ican Youth Games in Lima, Peru, she suffered a very heavy accident which inflicted a rather serious wound in her ankle. This accident caused her to have to discontinue the competition in Lima, Peru.

She had to leave and begin rapid treatment for her serious wound.

Once back in Aruba, Zaitheyl went directly to the office of CEMEDAR Sports Medicine to begin her treatment. The first check up was to Dr. Eduardo Jimenez. She was then referred to the Physiotherapist, Dora Mejia. Zaitheyl is one of the first athletes to make use of a physical therapist at the IBiSA's new facilities. Following her intervention from the Physiotherapist, Zaitheyl was submitted to an evaluation of her leg. They began a rehabilitation plan to prepare the athlete for her next competition within one month.

MLB: Dodgers beat Cards to climb back into series

LOS ANGELES (AFP) - Ryu
Hyun-Jin tossed seven
shutout innings as the Los
Angeles Dodgers got all the
runs they needed in the fourth
to beat St. Louis 3-0 in game
three of the NLCS.

Adrian Gonzalez clubbed a RBI single to get the goahead run in the fourth inning and Yasiel Puig snapped a hitting slump with a two-out RBI triple just a couple of batters later as the Dodgers cut the Cardinals' series lead to two games to one.

South Korea's Ryu allowed just three hits and no runs in seven innings of work Monday night for the Dodgers who looked nothing like the wounded bunch that dropped

the first two games of the senes in St. Louis.

Once Los Angeles manager Don Mattingly decided Ryu's night was complete, the bullpen did the rest in front of a sold-out crowd of 53,940 at Dodger Stadium.

Cardinals starter Adam Wainwright threw seven innings, allowing six hits and two runs. He struck out five.

Ryu also had four strikeouts and just one walk for the Dodgers who prevented the Cardinals from taking a stranglehold in the series.

Los Angeles shortstop
Hanley Ramirez played
through the pain of a hairline
fracture in his rib and went
two-for-four with an RBI.



Football: Indonesian tycoon takes control of Inter

MILAN (AFP) - Indonesian businessman Erick Thohir has acquired a majority stake in Inter Milan, club president Massimo Moratti confirmed on Tuesday.

The club said in a statement that Thohir and his International Sports Capital (ISC) group had acquired a 70 percent stake in the club.

Thohir said: "I'm honoured that Massimo Moratti has entrusted me with the responsibility of guiding Inter to a new chapter, and I am very happy that he continues to be present as my partner."

The Indonesian billionaire said he had bought "one of the most respected clubs in the world... I am an entrepreneur, but above all a tifoso and sports lover. I'm eager for us to put our passion and international experience to the service of this fantastic club."

Thehir had been linked with a takeover of the Serie A side since last season, which Interfinished in a disappointing ninth place, failing to qualify for European competition in the process.

Inter, the last Italian side to win the Champions League, in 2010 when they won the treble under Jose Mourinho, are reported to be desperate for a move away from the San Siro ground they share with city rivals AC Milan.







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Football: Rooney, Gerrard send England to Brazil



LONDON (AFP) - England survived a night of tension to qualify for the World Cup after Wayne Rooney and Steven Gerrard secured a 2-0 win over Poland at Wembley Stadium on Tuesday.

Needing victory to conserve top spot in European qualifying Group H, England met their objective thanks to a 41stminute header from Rooney and a late strike from the captain. Gerrard.

It was an evening of cloying intensity for Roy Hodgson's with Chris Small side, however, as Poland, backed by around 18,000 raucous fans, threatened to pull rick preferred to off a repeat of their 1-1 drawin pard in midfield.

London 40 years ago that had denied England a place at the 1974 World Cup.

Instead, a pair of goals made in Merseyside saw England home, meaning that Hodgson can now look forward to becoming only the sixth Englishman to manage England at a World Cup in Brazil next year.

"I'm greatly satisfied," said Hodgson.

Hodgson made two changes to the team that had beaten Montenegro 4-1 on Friday, with Chris Smalling replacing the suspended Kyle Walker at right-back and Michael Carrick preferred to Frank Lampard in midfield.

MLB playoff schedule

American League

Boston Red Sox v Detroit

Sat. Oct. 12 - Detroit at Boston

Detroit 1, Boston 0 -(Detroit leads 1-0)

Sun. Oct. 13 - Detroit at Boston

Detroit 5, Boston 6 -(Series tied 1-1)

Tue. Oct. 15 - Boston at Detroit

Wed. Oct. 16 - Boston at Detroit

Thu. Oct. 17 - Boston at Detroit

Sat. Oct. 19 - Detroit at Boston

Sun. Oct. 20 - Detroit at Boston

National League

Los Angeles Dodgers v St. Louis Cardinals

Fri. Oct. 11 - Los Angeles at St. Louis
St.Louis 3, Los Angeles 2 (St.L leads 1.0)
Sat. Oct. 12 - Los Angeles at St. Louis
St. Louis 1, Los Angeles 0- (ST.L leads 2-0)
Mon. Oct. 14 - St. Louis at Los Angeles
St. Louis 0, Los Angeles 3- (ST.L leads 2-1)
Tue. Oct. 15 - St. Louis at Los Angeles
Wed. Oct. 16 - St. Louis at Los Angeles
Fri. Oct. 18 - Los Angeles at St. Louis
Sat. Oct. 19 - Los Angeles at St. Louis



Basketball: Curry helps Warriors trump Lakers in Beijing

BEIJING (AFP) - Stephen Curry scored 14 points in the fourth quarter as the Golden State Warriors overcame an 11-point deficit to defeat the Los Angeles Lakers 100-95 in Beijing Tuesday.

Curry had been ice cold before lighting it up in the fourth quarter, as Warriors coach Mark Jackson reinserted his starters after losing ground in the third.

In contrast, Los Angeles Lakers head coach Mike D'Antoni stuck with his reserves throughout the fourth quarter, despite being outscored by 16 points in the last 12 minutes.

Curry finished with 24 points. He was aided by All-Star power forward David Lee, who finished with 31

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points and 6 rebounds.

Lee's 24 first-half points kept the Warriors in the game as the Lakers entered the second half with a 54-52 lead.

The game started at a frenzied pace, with both teams hitting over 70 percent before settling down.

Despite not having former MVP shooting guard Kobe Bryant in the lineup, the Lakers broke open what was a close game, led by the shooting exploits of new small forward Nick Young, who finished with 18 points including three three-pointers.

Young was part of a balanced Lakers attack that had three other double-digit scorers, including power forward Pau Gasol (15 points), centre Chris Kaman (14 points on seven for seven shooting and 10 rebounds), and backup shooting guard Xavier Henry (15 points). However, the
Lakers backups
were overwhelmed once the
Golden State reinserted their
starters.

Part of their fourth quarter attack was spurred by third-year shooting guard Klay Thompson, who was the only other Warrior to score over 10 points, finishing with 13 and three three-pointers.

The two teams will face each other again on Friday, October 18 in Shanghai in the closing game of the NBA's Global

Games pre-season slate.

The 10-city, seven-country programme has brought preseason NBA games to Philippines and Brazil for the first time.

It will continue with regular season games in Mexico City and London.

The league also announced a partnership with China's first NBA All-Star Yao Ming to operate the first ever NBA Yao School in Beijing.

Set to open in February 2014, the school will provide afterschool basketball training and fitness programs to local youth.

Stephen Curry #30 of the Golden State Warriors shoots against the Los Angeles Lakers

2014 World Cup European zone qualifier results

PARIS (AFP) - European zone teams qualified for the 2014 World Cup so far:

Group A - Belgium

Group F - Russia

Group B - Italy

Group G - Bosnia-Herze-

Group C - Germany

Group D - Netherlands

Group H - England

Group E - Switzerland

Group I - Spain

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SOUTHAMPTON (AFP) - US Open champion Justin Rose fired a four-under par 67 on Tuesday to take a twostroke lead after the opening round of the four-man Grand Slam of Golf. PGA Champion Jason Dufner carded a two-under 69, Masters winner Adam Scott fired a one-under 60 and defending champion Padraig Harrington stumbled to a three-over 74. Harrington replaced British Open champion Phil Mickelson in the event designed to pit the year's four major champions against each other. Rose, Dufner and Scott, all first-time major champions in 2013, were tied for the lead at three-under on the tee at the par-three 16th. Scott's tee shot landed in a greenside bunker and the Australian ended up with a double bogey. Dufner left his tee shot short en route to a bogey, and Rose seized the outright lead with a par. England's Rose birdied 17 to stretch his lead. The tournament concludes Today with another 18 holes at Port Royal Golf course.



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BIS Aruba hosted successful Open Day!





On the first Sunday of this month, Baseball International School Aruba hosted an Open Day at 'Centro di Bario Lago Heights'. The main goal of the Open Day was to inform the Aruba and especially the baseball community of BIS Aruba Foundation. All family members enjoyed a pleasant day. Dino jump, game room, baseball clinics and more games surely entertained the younger family members this day.

During the afternoon, there was a raffle drawing with different interesting prizes such as, dinners, gift certificates and a cell phone.

A tremendous baseball tournament took place on the Centro di Bario's field, where four teams participated namely; Marlins 1, Marlins 2, Hurricanes and White Sharks. To finish this day the popular band 'Rincon Boyz' entertained the audience with their unique and upbeat music.

BIS Aruba would like to thank all who were present on this day, especially the volunteers and sponsors who made this event possible. Thank you all press members who have been cooperating with this foundation.

Last but not least., BIS congratulates the four teams that participated in the baseball tournament, especially Team Hurricanes who won 2nd and Team Marlins 1st place.

Also congratulations to all the raffle winners.





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